

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 890

Congratulating the Carroll College Fighting Saints football team for winning the 2007 NAIA National Championship.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2007

Mr. REHBERG submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Carroll College Fighting Saints football team for winning the 2007 NAIA National Championship.

Whereas on December 15, 2007, the Carroll College Fighting Saints football team defeated the Sioux Falls Cougars by a score of 17 to 9 to win the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (“NAIA”) National Championship;

Whereas the Fighting Saints earned their way to the Championship Game with a perfect regular season record of 11 and 0 making this their third undefeated season in 5 years;

Whereas the Fighting Saints defeated Black Hills State University by a score of 34 to 0 in the first round of the NAIA playoffs;

Whereas the Fighting Saints defeated Morningside by a score of 27 to 16 in the quarterfinal round of the NAIA playoffs;

Whereas the Fighting Saints defeated Saint Francis by a score of 23 to 7 in the semifinal round of the NAIA playoffs;

Whereas the Fighting Saints defense shut out opponents 5 times including once in the playoffs and held opponents to an average of only 5.1 points per game, the fewest points allowed in college football;

Whereas the Fighting Saints offense scored an average of 26.4 points per game scoring with a well balanced running and passing game;

Whereas Quarterback John Barnett was selected as the conference Most Valuable Offensive Player and Owen Koeppen was selected as the conference Most Valuable Defensive Player;

Whereas Owen Koeppen was named first team All-American;

Whereas Carroll College had 17 players named to the All-Conference teams;

Whereas Carroll College's First Team All-Conference players are John Barnett, Travis Browne, Marshall McEwen, Bryson Pele, Marcus Miller, Owen Koeppen, Brandon Day, Zach Richardson, Nick Milodragovich, Phil Lenoue, Mike Paffhausen, and Zach Thiry;

Whereas Carroll College's Second Team All-Conference players are Sean Herrin, Scott Holbrook, Bryan Camino, Mac Gordon, and Marcus Miller;

Whereas this is the fifth National Championship that Carroll College has earned in the last 6 years;

Whereas Coach Mike Van Diest was selected as the conference Coach of the Year; and

Whereas the Carroll College Fighting Saints are building on a 15-game winning streak, the longest in college football: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the United States House of Rep-  
2 representatives—

3           (1) congratulates the Carroll College Fighting  
4 Saints football team, including—

5                   (A) seniors Cody Zimmerman, Marcus Mil-  
6 ler, John Barnett, Nick Milodragovich, Boyd  
7 Whetzel, James Byrd, T.J. Lehman, Ellis  
8 Beckwith, Nick Gilchrist, Phil Lenoue, Bryson  
9 Pele, Scott Holbrook, Bryan Camino, David  
10 Whitmoyer, Dan Lovin, Will Hamilton, and  
11 Ron Baze;

12                   (B) Gabe Le and Owen Koeppen who were  
13 selected as the offensive and defensive players  
14 of the championship game;

15                   (C) head coach Mike Van Diest and assist-  
16 ant coaches Nick Howlett, Jim Hogan, Mark  
17 Lenhardt, Jarrod Wirt, Gary Cooper, Jed  
18 Thomas, Nick Hammond, Tyler Emmert, and  
19 Tim LeRoy;

1                   (D) Dr. Thomas Trebon, Carroll College  
2                   President, and Athletic Director Bruce Parker;  
3                   and

4                   (E) the loyal fans, the Carroll Crazy's; and

5                   (2) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
6                   atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution  
7                   for display to the 2007 Carroll College football team,  
8                   the Carroll College Athletics Department, and the  
9                   President of Carroll College.

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